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Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Re: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
Leveraged Lease Financing
BNSF 2001-B

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am enclosing for recording pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code, two original copies of the Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 2001-B), dated as of June 28, 2001, between Wilmington Trust Company, as lessor (the "*Lessor*"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as lessee (the "*Lessee*"), a primary document as defined in the Surface Transportation Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are as follows:

Lessee:	The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company 2500 Lou Menk Drive Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2828
Lessor:	Wilmington Trust Company Rodney Square North 1100 North Market Street Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 Attention: Corporate Trust Administration

The equipment covered as of the date hereof by the aforesaid Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement consists of 51 Dash 9-44 CW Diesel Electric Locomotives bearing the reporting marks BNSF 5368 through BNSF 5419; as specifically described in Exhibit A attached hereto.

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A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows:

Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 2001-B) between Wilmington Trust Company, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, as Lessor and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee.

A fee of twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) is enclosed. Please time and date stamp the enclosed copy of the enclosed document along with the extra copy of this letter as proof of filing and recordation of the enclosed document and return the original and any extra copies of such document and this letter not needed by the Board for recordation to:

Robert Alvord
Alvord and Alvord
1600 K Street, N.W.
Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20016-2973

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned (312-845-3892).

Sincerely,

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER

By Karl T. Williams
Karl T. Williams

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Enclosures

EXHIBIT A

UNITS

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	REPORTING MARKS
Dash 9-44 CW Diesel Electric Locomotives	51	BNSF 5368 through BNSF 5369, inclusive, BNSF 5371 through BNSF 5419, inclusive

**MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT
(BNSF 2001-B)**

Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement, made and entered into as of June 28, 2001, by and between Wilmington Trust Company, as Owner Trustee, a Delaware banking corporation, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, as Lessor ("*Lessor*"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, a Delaware corporation, as Lessee ("*Lessee*").

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned have entered into that certain Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 2001-B), dated as of June 1, 2001 (the "*Lease Agreement*"), whereby the Lessor has agreed to lease to Lessee and Lessee has agreed to lease from Lessor certain railroad equipment bearing reporting marks as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto, effective as of the date first set forth hereinabove and subject to the term defined in said Lease Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, not in its
individual capacity, but solely as Owner
Trustee

By 
Name: Anita D. Lago
Title: Financial Services Officer


Executed on this 20th day of June, 2001.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY

By _____
Name: L. Steven Vollmer
Title: General Director-Finance

Executed on this ____ day of June, 2001.

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By 
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Title: General Director-Finance

Executed on this 28th day of June, 2001.

STATE OF Delaware)
) SS:
COUNTY OF New Castle)

On this, the 26th day of June, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Anita E. Dallago, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the ~~Financial Services Officer~~ Financial Services Officer of TRUST COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on June 26th, 2001 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Janel R. Havrilla
Name: JANEL R. HAVRILLA
Notary Public NOTARY PUBLIC-DELAWARE
My Commission Expires Feb. 2, 2005
Residing in Wilmington DE

STATE OF TEXAS)
) SS:
COUNTY OF TARRANT)

On this ____ day of June, 2001, before me personally appeared L. Steven Vollmer to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the General Director-Finance of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed and sealed on June __, 2001, on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors; and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public –
My Commission Expires:
Residing in

(SEAL)

STATE OF _____)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF _____)

On this, the _____ day of June, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the _____ of WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on June __, 2001 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF TEXAS)
) SS:
COUNTY OF TARRANT)

On this 20th day of June, 2001, before me personally appeared L. Steven Vollmer to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the General Director-Finance of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed and sealed on June 20, 2001, on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors; and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.



Tina M. Mailhos
Name: Tina M. Mailhos
Notary Public –
My Commission Expires: 7-16-02
Residing in Fort Worth, Texas

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